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### Administrative Services to Follow Up on Competitive Sourcing, E-Gov

The Oregon Federal Executive Board's (OFEB) Administrative Services Committee meets next Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. at Robert Duncan Plaza, room 3B in downtown Portland to take the next step from its last meeting in June. Kathy Eaton, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and Lynda Stelzer, Vice-President at Bonneville Power Administration, will host. Administrative Officers, Human Resources Managers, IT professionals and other interested federal employees are encouraged to attend.

The agenda will include reviewing the practical conclusions from the last meeting, which presented the challenges of implementing administrative initiatives for competitive sourcing and e-government. From that meeting interest also arose in forming an OFEB Technology Committee, and plans for such a committee will be discussed. In addition, the group will address the potential need for career transition training for federal employees as a result of competitive sourcing, whether the employee shifts from one federal position to another or to a private or public sector organization. Marina Santos, Workforce Alliance, Portland Community College, will present.

Those interested in attending should contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3030, [mcecilia@pcezh.com](mailto:mcecilia@pcezh.com).

### General Membership to Clarify President's Management Agenda

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 22nd, as the Oregon FEB hosts their second General Membership meeting of the year, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse 2nd Floor Jury Room in downtown Portland. All local federal employees are invited.

The featured topic will be the President's Management Agenda (PMA). The PMA, established by the Bush Administration, focuses government reform in five areas: Strategic Management of Human Capital,



Tom Birdinground, Director of the Chemawa Indian Health Service (with hat), welcomes representatives from participating CFC charities to their training held Aug. 12 in Salem.

tal, Competitive Sourcing, Improved Financial Performance, Expanding Electronic Government, and Budget and Performance Integration.

Ron Johnson, Executive Director of the OFEB, has invited Clay Johnson, Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C., to present a status report on implementation of the PMA and hear directly from local managers about their challenges. His attendance is not confirmed, but regardless, the broad issues related to local implementation will be presented during this session.

If you would like to attend, please contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or [mcecilia@pcezh.com](mailto:mcecilia@pcezh.com).

### Local CFC Introduces New Ways to Connect with Community

The OFEB kicks off the Columbia River/Willamette Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) with three events next week! We will also introduce some new initiatives to help make it easier to connect with charities in our communities.

The most significant will be a new online searchable charity directory, accessible on the local CFC web site. Potential donors will be able to search the list of participating charities by a variety of categories, including geographic region of service and any one of four fields of service (Animal and Environ-

mental, Community Development, Health Services, Youth & Family Services). This feature should be available by Sept. 12th. Thanks to Tom Sluder and Bonneville Power Administration's Shared Services Web Development Team for the production and hosting of the site. In addition, the CFC will post volunteer and resource needs of participating charities on the local web site, to encourage connection in the community with your time, talents or resources.

The kickoff events include one on September 11th in Portland, which features a brief opening ceremony recognizing Patriot Day at 9:30 a.m. in the Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Building, room 272, downtown Portland, followed by a charity fair in the building lobby from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Additional kickoff events will be held in Salem on Sept. 10th and Vancouver on Sept. 12th, with the same time schedules. Check the *Calendar of Events* on page 4 or the local CFC web site, at [www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc.htm](http://www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc.htm) for more details.

In other CFC news, the OFEB has secured an agreement with Portland Cable Access to air the national CFC video, "What Makes America Great," throughout the campaign season. See our web site for a schedule of air dates.

## Public Affairs/Emergency Prep Hear from Local Government Groups

Public Affairs professionals, Emergency Managers and others heard reports from city, state and county emergency planners at the Oregon Federal Executive Board's joint Public Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting on August 15th. This unique gathering was intended to bring some attention to the need for more cooperation between federal and local organizations in an emergency.

Les Miller, Emergency Manager at the Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District and Beth Anne Steele, Public Affairs Specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, hosted.

Representatives from the City of Portland, American Red Cross, Washington County, Critical Decision Institute and Air Force Reserve 304th Rescue Squadron detailed their capabilities. It was agreed that communication between managers within federal agencies, as well as between federal and local emergency responders, was a critical factor. Ultimately, a federal Emergency Operations Center should be developed, to cooperate with state and local centers already in place. The OFEB will be working with the participating groups to further



Beth Anne Steele, Public Affairs Specialist of the FBI, and Les Miller, Emergency Manager of the Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, get ready for the start of the OFEB Public Affairs/Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting.

pursue these suggestions, and both Public Affairs and Emergency Prep Committees will continue identifying resources for these priorities in future meetings.

## DHS Garners Kudos for Quick Response to Blackout

There were no chemical or biological weapons of mass destruction, no mass casualties or terrorists. But last month's massive power blackout, which shut down nine nuclear power plants and left 50 million people in the dark, was a positive test that proved the Department of Homeland Security is able to effectively coordinate information and communicate with federal, state, and local officials and the private sector during national incidents.

The six-month-old department's communications system worked as it was designed to, officials said, allowing it to serve as a information clearinghouse to local authorities who were shouldering most of the load in responding to the blackout. DHS emergency response teams stood ready to deploy, but were not needed. Within an hour of the outage, DHS, in consultation with the FBI and intelligence agencies, determined that it was not caused by terrorism or sabotage.

Phil Anderson, a Homeland Security expert with the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, said, "The disruption is incredible, but I can't help but believe that we're in a lot better shape than we were a few years ago."

*(Reprinted from the Homeland Headlines e-newsletter, August 25, 2003).*

# COMMITTEE CORNERS

## Policy Committee



The Policy Committee will meet before the Patriot Day ceremony on Sept. 11th at Green-Wyatt to discuss the General Membership Meeting (scheduled for October 22nd), the OFEB Chair swearing-in ceremony, to hear from committee chairs and to welcome new members.

**NEXT MTG:** 9/11, 8 – 9:30 am, Green-Wyatt, #272

## Administrative Services



On Sept. 10th we will follow-up our last meeting on E-Government and competitive sourcing, looking at conclusions and the practical side of implementing these initiatives. The need for career transition services and the formation of an OFEB technology committee will also be further explored.

**NEXT MTG:** 9/10, 8:30 - 10:00 am, Duncan Plaza 3B

## Combined Federal Campaign



Kickoff ceremonies and Charity Fairs will open the 2003 CFC on Sept. 10th in Salem, Sept. 11th in Portland and Sept. 12th in Vancouver (see the pg. 4 Calendar of Events). The campaign officially begins locally Sept. 15th, and federal agencies can run their campaigns any time from then until Dec. 15th. Contact Nancie Pruitt at [nancie\\_pruitt@pcez.com](mailto:nancie_pruitt@pcez.com) or 503-226-9384 for campaign supplies and support, or see our web site at [www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc.htm](http://www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc.htm).

**NEXT MTG:** Leadership Team in October, TBD

## Shared Neutrals/ADR



We have put the finishing touches on our first annual Fall Mediators Training, and are very excited about it! It will be held Sept. 16-17 at the Water Resources Education Center in Vancouver, WA. This will be a great opportunity for mediators to sharpen their skills as special guest Stewart Levine leads the sessions. Contact Karin Waller at [ofeb@pcez.com](mailto:ofeb@pcez.com) for more information or to reserve a place.

**NEXT MTG:** Sept. 16-17, 9 am – 4:30 pm, Water Resources Education Center, Vancouver, WA.

## Emergency Preparedness



The Oregon Federal Executive Board's Public Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees held a unique joint meeting Friday, August 15th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. to look at how federal agencies can better cooperate with each other and other public organizations in a local emergency. As a result, the OFEB is discussing potential emergency training courses for federal leaders and the formation of a local federal emergency operations center.

**NEXT MTG:** TBD

## Retention & Development



The next retirement benefits and estate planning seminar will be a CSRS session on Sept 18th-19th. Contact Mary Ceciliani at [mcecilia@pcez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com) or 503-326-3010 to register.

Discussions are also in process to potentially conduct career transition seminars, to better prepare federal employees for competitive sourcing initiative implementation. Stay tuned to the FEB News and Events and our web site at [www.oregon.feb.gov](http://www.oregon.feb.gov) for more information.

## Public Affairs



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**NEXT MTG:** Nov. TBD, 9:30 am, Green-Wyatt, #225

## Minority Business Opportunity



We continue planning the Minority Enterprise Development Week Training and Luncheon, to be held October 15th at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree Inn in Portland. Providence Health System has signed on as the Host Sponsor, and many other organizations, including Metro, The Daily Journal of Commerce, and Portland Community College are supporting the event. To learn more, go to [www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc](http://www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc).

**NEXT MTG:** 10/15, 8:45 am - 3:15 pm, Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel, Portland.



# OFEB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER '03

### Administrative Services Committee

**Sept. 10th** **8:30 - 10:00 am**

Looking at the practical side of implementing the E-Gov and competitive sourcing initiatives, the need for career transition services and the formation of an OFEB technology committee.

Location: Robert Duncan Plaza, 3rd Floor  
333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd floor, Portland

### CFC Kickoffs and Charity Fairs

**Sept. 10th - 12th** **9:30 am, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Brief ceremonies followed by CFC Charity Fair.  
All federal employees are invited to attend.

Sept. 10th: Oregon Military Department  
Anderson Readiness Center  
3225 State Street, Salem, 97309

Sept. 11th: Special Patriot Day Ceremony  
Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Bldg.  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., #272, Portland, 97204

Sept. 12th: Bonneville Power Administration  
Parkway Plaza One Bldg.  
8100 NE Parkway Drive, Vancouver, 98662.

Please bring your federal or state-issued identification.

### OFEB Policy Committee Meeting

**Sept. 11th** **8:00 – 9:30 am**

The Policy Committee will meet to finalize plans for the next General Membership meeting, discuss the swearing-in ceremony and welcome new members.

Location: Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Bldg.  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., #272, Portland, 97204

### Shared Neutrals Mediators Training

**Sept. 16th - 17th** **9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

A great opportunity for mediators to sharpen skills with special guest instructor Stewart Levine.

Location: Water Resources Education Center,  
4600 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver, WA

Contact Karin Waller at [ofeb@pceez.com](mailto:ofeb@pceez.com) for more information or to reserve a place.

## SEPTEMBER '03

### CSRS Retirement Planning Seminar

**Sept. 18th - 19th** **8:30 am**

Location: Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Bldg.  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Room G70A, Portland

Day 1: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (register @ 8:00 am)

Day 2: 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Cost: \$100 for federal employees, \$40 for spouses.  
To register, please contact Mary Ceciliani at  
503-326-3010 or [mcecilia@pceez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pceez.com).

## OCTOBER '03

### MED Week Luncheon & Training

**Oct. 15th** **8:45 am – 3:15 pm**

Annual Minority Enterprise Development Week Awards Luncheon, organized by the OFEB's Minority Business Opportunity Committee. This year training for minority small business owners is included.

Location: Doubletree Inn, Jantzen Beach  
909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, 97217

Cost: \$50 for entire event. Contact Mary Jo Witty at  
503-326-5105 or [mary.witty@sba.gov](mailto:mary.witty@sba.gov) to register.

### FERS Retirement Planning Seminar

**Oct. 15th - 16th** **8:30 am**

Location: Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Bldg.  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Room G70A, Portland

Day 1: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (register @ 8:00 am)

Day 2: 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Cost: \$100 for federal employees, \$40 for spouses.  
To register, please contact Mary Ceciliani at  
503-326-3010 or [mcecilia@pceez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pceez.com).

### OFEB General Membership Meeting

**Oct. 22nd** **8:30 - 10:30 am**

Presentation on the status of the President's Management Agenda, updates on Oregon Federal Executive Board activity. All federal employees are invited.

Location: Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse  
1000 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Jury Room, Portland

To register, please contact Mary Ceciliani at  
503-326-3010 or [mcecilia@pceez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pceez.com).

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## OFEB Policy Committee Officers

**Cathy Callahan:** OFEB Chair, National Labor Relations Board  
**Lynda Stelzer:** Administrative Services Committee Co-Chair, Bonneville Power Administration  
**Kathy Eaton:** Administrative Services Committee Co-Chair, Bureau of Land Management  
**Randy Crockett:** Combined Federal Campaign Chair, Social Security Administration  
**Les Miller:** Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**Beth Anne Steele:** Public Affairs Committee Chair, Federal Bureau of Investigation



### *At Large Members:*

**Lucy Devenney**, Willamette National Cemetery; **Phil Gentry**, Small Business Administration; **Janice Goodwin**, National Agricultural Statistics Service; **Bob Graham**, Natural Resources Conservation Service; **Harry T. Hall**, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; **Captain Paul Jewell**, U.S. Coast Guard; **Lt. Col. Charles Markham**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; **Roy Roosevelt**, U.S. Forest Service.

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## Sub Committees/Chairs

The first three sub-committees below are part of the OFEB Administrative Services Committee. Community service (represented by the Combined Federal Campaign), Emergency Preparedness and Public Affairs are stand-alone committees.

*Alternative Dispute Resolution /Shared Neutrals (mediated employee disputes):*

**Chair: Fran Petersen**, Bonneville Power Admin., (503) 230-5860

*Collaborative Retention/Employee Development:*

**Chair:** Staffed by Ron Johnson and Jeff Sargent

*Minority Business Opportunity Committee:*

**Chair: Tyrone Henry**, Portland Development Commission, (503) 823-3315

*Combined Federal Campaign*

**Chair: Randy Crockett**, Social Security Administration, (503) 326-6309

*Emergency Preparedness:*

**Chair: Les Miller**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (503) 808-4400

*Public Affairs:*

**Chair: Beth Ann Steele**, Federal Bureau of Investigation (503) 552-5238

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